**RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Check the box if you plan to enroll in either incentive program.

- Livestock Incentive Program
- Agronomy Incentive Program

**LIVESTOCK INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Richland County 4-H Livestock Incentive Program is to introduce 4-H members/Cloverbuds to the different species of livestock, the selection, proper care and showing of five different livestock species—rabbits, poultry, pigs, sheep and cattle. A different species of animal will be selected and emphasized each year on a five year rotation by the 4-H Council. Members must be enrolled in the individual livestock project featured in that year.

Members enrolled in the Livestock Incentive Program will be expected to attend two informational meetings on the livestock project that is being emphasized during that 4-H year. The first meeting will be on the selection, care and feeding of the livestock project. The second meeting will be prior to Achievement Days and emphasize proper fitting and showing of the animal at Achievement Days.

Members will be required to show the livestock project at 4-H Achievement Days. Cloverbuds will be required to show a static display for sheep, beef and swine, and have the option of showing rabbit and poultry (family/member choice) or a static display. This requirement may be waived in the event of unusual circumstances (animal sickness or death, farm quarantine, etc.). This requirement will only be waived with permission from the 4-H Council and Extension Agents prior to 4-H Achievement Days.

4-H members may join the Livestock Incentive Program any year during the five year rotation, but must complete all five livestock projects to be eligible for any awards.

Upon successful completion of the program requirements (attending all meetings and showing each of the five different animals at Achievement Days) and the five year rotation, the 4-H Council will award the 4-H member with $250 cash.

**Livestock Rotation**

- 2010-2011 – Chicken
- 2011-2012 – Sheep
- 2012-2013 – Beef
- 2013-2014 – Swine
- 2014-2015 – Rabbit

**AGRONOMY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Richland County 4-H Agronomy Incentive Program is to introduce 4-H members/Cloverbuds to the different crops raised in Richland County, how they are produced and grown, and how they are used in food and feed products. A different crop will be emphasized each year on a five year rotation as selected by the 4-H Council.

Members enrolled in the Agronomy Incentive Program will be expected to attend two meetings per year. The first meeting will be on the planting, fertilization and weed control necessary for the crop. The second meeting will be on the harvesting, storage and use of the crop for food and feed. In addition, members enrolled in the project will be required to prepare an Agronomy exhibit for 4-H Achievement Days.

Upon successful completion of the project, attending the required meetings and exhibiting at Achievement Days, the 4-H member will receive $50 cash.

**Agronomy Rotation**

- 2010-2011 – Corn
- 2011-2012 – Soybeans
- 2012-2013 – Sugarbeets
- 2013-2014 – Sunflowers
- 2014-2015 – Wheat